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OLD PAPERS.

Interesting Records Connected with Louisa's Early History.

The NEWS takes much pleasure in herewith presenting to its readers verbatim copies of some very old papers now in possession of some of the lineal descendants of one of the individuals who figured in one of the transactions mentioned. To look upon the time-stained documents calls to mind many scenes and incidents of the long ago, and to hear these read is like listening to a voice out of the dim and all but forgotten past. The principals in these various transactions where history is preserved by these musty records are long since dead, but their memory is living in the hearts of numerous descendants here and elsewhere. And what a throng of memories and recollections, as well as happy, the reading of these old writings will spring up in the minds of many. Who the actors were who figured in these various transactions is quite well known to the old readers of this paper. Some of these were doubtless contemporaries of some of them. The publication of the old records will probably afford means by which the younger generation will acquire valuable knowledge concerning their progenitors.

The NEWS would, if it were possible, present in these columns fac simile of these ancient manuscripts. They are a quaint collection. The paper must have been genuine "rag." Its texture is fine and, though it has been handled much, it shows but little sign of wear. The ink, too, must have been good, the writing, evidently done with a quill, being very legible, having faded but little. Some of our ancestors made their own ink. They had found that oak bark, coarsely and copiously added to water made a very good ink, not knowing that the oak contains tannin and the coppers iron, ingredients used in the manufacture of ink today.

Here is a document possessing very decidedly a local interest. Read it, ye who are white of hair or gray of beard, and see if any of you remember of hearing of Reuben Canterbury, John Burgess or J. R. Ward. It's a transcript of a part of the proceedings of the board of trustees of the town of Louisa.

"On motion of the Trustees of the town of Louisa ordered that there be allowed the sum of fifty-four dollars which they owe Reuben Canterbury, Jr. for surveying and laying off the town of Louisa and making out a plan of same and it is further ordered that the same be paid out of the not executed by John Burgess to the said trustees for the purchase of lots in said town when the same shall fall due."

A copy test J. R. Ward Clerk. Mr. John Burgess will pay the above amount for laying out and surveying the town of Louisa what was allowed by court and the same shall be credited on your note. This 25 26th July 1823.

J. R. Ward, Clerk.

There it is, verbatim, et litteratim, et punctuation. The 25 in the above date was blotted, the writer evidently saw he had made a mistake and tried to wipe it out with his fingers.

Now read the following and you will see how John Burgess happened to owe the town of Louisa:

"1866. Twelve months after date for value received we jointly and severally promise to pay the Trustees of town of Louisa Lawrence County for the time being and their successors in office the sum of One hundred and Sixty Six dollars in consideration of the purchase money of Lots No. 30, 40, 41 and 42 in said Town. Witness our hands and seals this 30 day of July 1823.

John Burgess Seal. James Marcum Seal.

Test: J. R. Ward"

On the back of this note appears the following:

"I assign the within to Fred Moore by order of the Lawrence Circuit Court.

March 18th 1834.

Jas. M. Rice CL CC"

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A Valentine Party.

If the patron saint of lovers could have been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Burchett on last Tuesday evening he would have rejoiced greatly that those who came after him knew how to rightly celebrate the day named for him. The delightful occasion was a Valentine Whist, and the decorations, the tall cards, the favors and the delicious refreshments gave pleasing evidence of appropriate remembrance of the day.

Big red hearts showed on portieres and curtains, tiny hearts marked the various progressions on the score cards, the almond dishes were laced with heart-shaped brims, and it is said that hearts were oftentimes trumps during the play.

"Come early and stay late" was enjoined upon those favored with invitations and the injunction was obeyed. The merry games continued until after eleven o'clock and then a most delicious brick ice cream, cake and coffee were served. At midnight the happy throng dispersed, showering hearty expressions of their pleasure upon their hospitable hosts. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vinson, Mrs. Hannah Lackey, Miss Stella Conley, Miss Margaret Hatcher, Miss Emma Carey, M. F. Burns, George Roberts, Millard Carter and Dr. Wroten were the guests.

Dr. Biggs and Wife Entertain.

Holden, W. Va., Feb. 6.—The social event of the season in Holden was the dance given Friday night in honor of the guests at the home parties of Mesdames Dr. J. D. Biggs and Ed Prichard. The music was furnished by the Saxophone Orchestra of Holden, consisting of ten pieces. The hall was beautifully decorated in evergreens with electric light festooned across the hall. In the center was a huge Japanese umbrella covered with confetti and dozens of pink carnations and violets. After the dance was well in progress several electric fans from the gallery scattered broadcast these decorations among the dancers. Delightful refreshments were served at two o'clock, consisting of turkey, salad, creamed oysters, patties, lettuce and olive sandwiches, creamed sweetbreads, pickles and coffee.

After the dance was concluded favors consisting of bunches of red white and pink carnation and English violets were showered on the unexpected groups below the tinsel clouds.

Still Does the Stunt.

One of our citizens who occasionally wipes the dishes for his wife when she goes out to meet the Finch Club, recently became tired of the job and refused, saying that it was not a man's work. Not wishing to lose his help she brought out the Bible to convince him of his error and read as follows: "And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down." Kings, 23: 13.

Revival Begins.

The revival services at the Baptist Church will begin next Sunday morning. There will be the usual Sunday evening services and on Monday the services will be held at 2:30 and 6:30 p. m. The first service of Rev. W. H. Sledge will be on Monday night. Those who desire seats should come early. The singing will be under the charge of Rev. W. C. Roof.

G. Garland Riggan, Pastor

Death of Dan McKenzie.

News has been received here of the death in Bartlett Texas, of Dan McKenzie. He died on the 14th of January after an illness of only three or four days of pneumonia. Mr. McKenzie was a native of Louisa, where he grew to manhood. He married a daughter of Robt. Loar, and is survived by his wife and one child.

Representative Langley, of Kentucky, has named Roy Wright, of Filletville, to act as one of the mounted aides in the Taft inaugural parade.

G. W. CASTLE

Announces His Candidacy for County Judge.

To the People of Lawrence County:

I most respectfully announce myself a candidate for County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

I deem it but proper that I should but indicate briefly my policy if elected, which is in part as follows:

I pledge that I will improve the roads and bridges to such extent that they will be up to a high standard.

Economy shall be the watch word all along the line.

I hold that the taxpayers have to earn the money with which they have to pay their taxes, and that all who receive that money shall earn it before it is paid them.

I will give my personal supervision to all necessary improvements, to the end that I may ascertain the correct value of them as well as to secure proper specifications, so that the work will be of value to the county, and to prevent exorbitant cost and worthless work.

All portions of the county shall have my careful consideration, and fair treatment in the necessary improvements needed.

I pledge that no illegal claim shall be saddled upon the taxpayers and that all claims shall be reasonable and legal.

I will render all assistance possible with my legal ability to protect the interest of the people whenever or wherever it may arise.

I pledge that the affairs of the county shall be administered to the end, that the present debt of about \$25,000 will be paid without increasing the taxes or that the improvements indicated above will be neglected, but it shall be in the practice of economy and eternal vigilance over the affairs of the people.

I pledge that I will visit all portions of the county each year that I may know the needs of the various sections and the people.

I will act in concert with the County Attorney in all matters involving the interest of the county.

I will so conduct the affairs of the county that its credit will be unimpaired, both at home and abroad.

I will so arrange the finances of the county that cash will be paid for all needed improvements on roads and bridges, and thus save half the cost that is now being paid, and in this way be enabled to pay the money thus saved on the debts. It is highly important that this be done, as we are now paying yearly over \$1,500 in interests on debts outstanding. It will be seen at a glance to save this amount of money and put it on improvements would add greatly to the improvements of the roads and bridges.

I pledge to be the Judge of the poor as well as the rich, as well as of all sections of the county.

If you should consider my efforts in years past as your County Attorney and with the pledges above and bringing to your service my ability as a lawyer, and practical ability and long studied needs of the people, and my ability to fill the office as your County Judge, I most respectfully solicit your support at the primary to be held some time in the near future.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. CASTLE.

Louisa, Ky., February, 12, 1909.

Bishop Burton Coming.

The many friends and admirers of the Rt. Rev. Lewis Burton, of Lexington, will be glad to learn that he will be in this city on Tuesday, March second. On this occasion he will preach at 7 o'clock p. m. in the M. E. Church. The people of Louisa are cordially invited.

A. A. Edgell, wife and son are occupying the Martin property on Lock avenue as a residence. Mr. Edgell is a traveling man well known to many Louisians. Our citizens extend a cordial welcome to these nice people.

Pink Domino Party.

A very pretty and unique party was given by Miss Ellen Skene last Thursday evening. It was "pretty," in that a host of pretty girls had gathered in the spacious rooms of the Skene home, and "unique," that you couldn't tell your neighbor from yourself until about nine o'clock. Everybody was masked in pink, the prevailing color of the evening. Not only were masks of pink worn, but gowns or robes of the same bright hue effectively hid the identity of the wearers. Piano music was furnished and several found occasion for the giddy waltz and the lively two-step. Everyone unmasked about nine o'clock, and many were the surprises revealed as mask after mask was removed from the face.

Shortly after the unmasking a sumptuous buffet lunch was served in the dining room, presided over by Misses Julia Snyder and Imogene Porter. Almost everything that could tempt or satisfy the hungry men and women was served abundantly. Besides the dancing several old time games were played.

A NEWS seeker after news asked a fair damsel if any card games were indulged in. She blushed and shyly said she thought one or two games of "hearts" were played.

The Pink Domino party was a very pleasant affair, greatly enjoyed by the guests and the fair young entertainer.

M. G. Berry for County Judge.

To the Democrats of Lawrence County:

Having been solicited by so many Democratic voters to make the race for County Judge, I submit myself to the will of the Democrats of Lawrence county for the nomination to make the race. Should I get the nomination I promise that I will use every honest means I can to gain my election, believing that I have as good a chance to succeed as any man who might offer.

Will further say this, I am aware of the responsibility that rests on a county Judge as an official, and that I believe I can fill that position with credit to myself and the county, or I am sure I would not offer myself for the nomination.

Very Truly Yours,

M. G. BERRY.

Hard on Jailers.

When the Court of Appeals decided a year or two ago that jailers must take care of the house without extra pay, a bill went up from that class of public servants. The last Legislature passed a bill allowing the Fiscal Court to make an allowance for that purpose. The Fiscal Court of this county, as well as that of most others, made this allowance and now a new decision of the higher court says it cannot apply to jailers now in office, so the money will have to be refunded. The judge, clerks, attorneys and other public officers will also have to pay for their fires.

Population Increasing

During the past few days there has been quite an influx of persons who have come to Louisa and taken residence. The NEWS has mentioned some, and now it tells of two families who have rented the property of Rice McClure near the Masonic Hall. J. L. Polley and H. R. Alexander, both of Charleston, W. Va., both traveling salesmen, occupy this residence and will travel in this and adjoining counties. Louisa is glad to welcome them.

We understand that Dr. T. D. Purges will leave Matestan about March 1st, for Louisa, Ky., where he will open a private sanatorium in connection with his practice. Few physicians are better known or respected for their ability in this section than is Dr. Burgess and his departure will be much regretted not only in Matestan but in the country at large. The doctor is assured of a fine practice wherever he goes. His practice at Matestan together with his property there has been sold to Dr. H. C. Golings of Thacker, who will move to Matestan when Dr. Burgess leaves. — Williamson Enterprise.

DEATH

Comes to the Relief of Stephen McClure.

Stephen M. McClure died in this city Monday night last at 9 o'clock. Notice of his illness has appeared from time to time in the columns of this paper, and those who read them are not surprised at this announcement. He had made a brave struggle for his life, having fought and used every available means for the recovery of his health. The vain efforts have ceased, and today his mortal remains rest in Pine Hill cemetery.

Mr. McClure was born at Gallup on the 4th of July, 1873. In May, 1898, he was married to Miss Emma Guery, of St. Stephens, S. Carolina, and from this union are Louise, William and Mattie, aged respectively 6, 4 and 2 years. The boy is named for his grandfather, who died in 1889. Addie, a sister of the deceased, died in 1885. Mr. McClure is survived by four brothers—Arnoldus, of Yuma, Arizona, J. B., of Louisa, Morris, of Central City, W. Va., and Jeff, of Williamson.

The funeral was held on Wednesday and was largely attended. It was held at the residence of Mrs. Lou McClure, the venerable mother of the deceased, and the exercises were conducted by the Rev. G. C. Hutchison, of the M. E. Church, South. Mr. McClure had been converted and received into this church. The deceased was a quiet, industrious man, of excellent character and habits, and his bereaved widow and little children, as well as a large circle of relatives and friends, will deeply feel the loss which they have sustained.

Married at Fallsburg.

A week or so ago the NEWS announced the going of Miss Vernon Richmond, of Louisa, to Fallsburg to teach music in the high school at that place. Today it publishes her marriage on the evening of Saturday, February 6th, to Lindsay Collinsworth, the Rev. Mr. Cassidy officiating. The happy event occurred at the home of John H. Ekers, witnessed by the bride's father, Miss Gretia Cassidy, of Inez, and Miss Ida Hulett, of Louisa. The bride's gown was of silk, cut en princesse.

Gallup.

T. S. McClure moved to his farm with a fine drove of cattle. Miss Laura Belle Hardin has returned to her home at Inez. She has been attending school at Trace Branch.

Mrs. Nancie Shannon and Mrs. Richard Belcher are on the sick list. Mrs. Jerome Preece, of Nadge has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hardin.

Miss Maggie Belcher has returned home after a visit to her brother at Prestonsburg.

J. W. Irwin is expecting to go to Olive Hill soon.

J. S. Hardin is visiting home folks. He is running a large timber job at Pleasant, Ky.

S. Y. Dobbins is going to move to Oklahoma.

Mrs. Rebecca Belcher made a trip to Mrs. Richard Belcher's last week.

Arnold Childers is attending school in Louisa.

Miss Daisy McClure made a business trip to Louisa last week.

Phillip Preece was here Sunday. Drew Hickman is visiting his uncle, Moses Hickman, of Woods Branch.

J. W. Hardin has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hardin, of this place.

Miss Virgie McCoy spent Sunday with Nannie Fraley.

Two Cousins.

Rev. G. C. Hutchinson went to Prestonsburg Saturday and held quarterly meeting for the Presiding Elder, who could not be present. Rev. Mr. E. M. Kennison preached from Mr. Hutchinson's pulpit on Sunday morning and the large congregation present enjoyed the sermon very much.

The Millenders Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Millender entertained quite a party of young people very pleasantly last Saturday night. Music and dancing were greatly enjoyed by many of us and on this occasion harmony and the poetry of motion were much in evidence. It was well toward the midnight hour before the pleasant affair closed. The Millenders are noted as entertainers, and it is much regretted that the function Saturday evening was somewhat in the nature of a farewell, although their friends hope that this is merely a possibility. The visiting guests were Mr. and Miss Mayme Gooden, of Vulcan, W. Va., Veron and Miss Cere Grothe, of Kenova, Mrs. Joseph Dameron, of Huntington, Mr. Burton, Maxie and Miss Fer Wright, of Chetodo, and Mr. Reehard, of Huntington.

Cadmus.

Greenville Sagraves, of Stinson, Ky., was here last week visiting his daughter Miss Reka, at Cadmus, and went on to visit his other daughter, Miss Lula, who is stenographer for a business firm at that place.

Jeff Collinsworth has returned from Pike county.

Adam Harmon has returned from a visit in West Virginia.

George Skeens has bought the Skeens heir's interest in a 35 acre tract of land on the waters of Fuller Branch, same being part of the Obadiah Fuller farm.

A man by the name of Davis, a machinist from Catlettsburg came to Cadmus last week and opened A. Collinsworth's money safe that burglars attempted to open and pounded the combination until it could not be opened.

Little Daniel Harmon of Cadmus is attending school at Fallsburg. Some of our best citizens are contemplating a trip to Arkansas and other parts of the West.

Jeff Burton is sawing lumber for Ben Vanhorn.

Little Dock Harmon who came near dying with pneumonia and spinal trouble is getting well.

Spunk.

Jattie.

Robert Jordan, of this place will leave soon for Fallsburg, where he will attend school.

Milton Watson purchased several head of nice cattle from D. J. Thompson last week.

Class meeting at this place every Sunday evening at two o'clock. Martin and John Thompson, of Dick Creek, passed here last week en route to Oliveville.

Miss Rosa Johnson, who has been very sick is no better at present.

Cebrian Wilson was visiting Mrs. Martha Thompson Sunday evening.

Canda Smith, of Gallup, who has been here for some time, has returned home.

Most everyone in this community is preparing to raise a large tobacco crop.

Sunday school will be re-organized at this place soon. Hope we will have a good attendance.

Leonard, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Watson, is better at present.

B. B. Wells and D. J. Thompson are contemplating another trip up Sandy in search of cattle.

Every one please remember the meeting which will be held here by Rev. R. F. Rice beginning on the second Sunday in this month.

J. F. Wells, who has been taking pictures at Charley, has returned home.

Benjamin L. Biggs was here a few days ago.

Dr. Thompson, of Webbville, has been making frequent trips past here en route to Oliveville.

G. C. Thompson, of this place has been visiting friends at Gallup.

Mrs. Martha Chapman and daughter Madge of Willard contemplate a visit to this place soon.

Kentucky Girl.

During the protracted meeting recently held at the Baptist church in Ashland three young ladies offered themselves for the foreign field, and will go as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. These young ladies are Misses Berline Watson, Julia Stanley and Oona Stanley. Miss Watson is a sister of Mrs. F. L. Stewart and is well known here.